

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 6-15 have been allowed. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 6-15.

Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections.

I. The Allowance/Allowability Of Claims 6-15

Applicants note with appreciation the indication on page 3 of the Office Action that claims 6-15 have been allowed.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-5 and 16-20 Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Pages 2-3 of the Action reject claims 1-5 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse.

On page 3 of the Action the Examiner asserts that “the claimed reporting system fails to disclose the use of a machine, manufacture or composition of matter as required by 35 USC 101.” Applicants respectfully assert that a reporting system, as explained in the specification, has a functional relationship with a machine. Nevertheless the Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to clarify that a report does have a functional relationship with a machine. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to clarify that a report definition when run generates a report. These amendments add no new matter and support for these amendments is found in the specification at least at page 2, lines 5-16; page 14, lines 15 -21; and page 15, lines 20-21. In light of the amendments, the Applicants respectfully assert the rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. Any amendments are supported by the specification. Applicants accordingly submit that these claims are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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